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(C) Werner Romero, MFA Director General for Foreign Policy, told PolCouns February 10 the GOES had taken note of Panama's recent decision to recognize Kosovo and had received a note from the UK Embassy (in Guatemala) urging prompt recognition. Romero said it was highly unlikely the GOES would recognize Pristina in the remaining months of the Saca Administration. (Note: Saca,s successor will take office June 1.) He added that the GOES was inclined to wait for the pending International Court of Justice decision on Kosovo,s independence, which could provide the GOES cover when it eventually decides to recognize Kosovo.
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